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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the October 10, 2001 Office Action, which set a three-month term for reply.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a three month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including April 10, 2002, is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor (believed to be \$920.00) and any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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